



COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Annual Planning Retreat Meeting Summary June 8, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cecily Darden Adams, Shari Argue, Dana Bell, Gina Brown, Ethan Chen, Adriane Clutter, Tom Grazio, Stuart Grossman, Carson Henry, Lindsay Hoffman, Rachel Kavanagh, Elizabeth McGlynn, Dr. Angela Mickalide, Tami Niedomanski, and Beka Urgessa

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Kaplan, Sareana Kimia, Nora Ludden, Howard Nicholson III, Roberta Rinker and Bobbi Sherman.

STAFF PRESENT: Erin Stillwell and Marva Younger, DHHS

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Lindsay Hoffman

Introductions/Acknowledgements

- Tom Grazio introduced Rachel Kavanagh. Rachel is an assessment supervisor at Child Welfare Services and is recommended to replace Tom on the Commission as the DHHS representative/Ex Officio (pending appointment and confirmation).
- CCY recognized Dana Bell for her outstanding service as chair to the CCY for the past two terms.
- CCY acknowledged and thanked those members who had completed their terms:
 - Ethan Chen
 - Stuart Grossman
 - Nancy Kaplan
 - Sareana Kimia
 - Howard Nicholson III
 - Bobbi Sherman

New Commission Business

- ACTION: Minutes from May 11, 2016: motion was made to accept the minutes without any corrections or changes; all in favor.
- Meeting schedule for the 2016-17 commission year was distributed and reviewed by commission members
 - April 19, 2016 meeting was moved to the 3rd Wednesday due to the MCPS school holiday
- Discussion about B/C/C vacancy announcement; all applications for the CCY need to be received by June 17, 2016

Retreat Planning

- Brainstorming Session: “It’s A New Commission Year: What Do We Want to Do?”
 - Prepare budget priorities earlier in the year and become more active in budget planning process
 - Become a greater presence in the community, specifically to the County Exec. and the County Council
 - Identify more specific action steps and measure how these steps are helping to work toward the stated priorities
 - Have greater number of speakers present to the CCY on hot topics impacting children, youth and families
 - Host a legislative briefing to education the County Council on the issues impacting children and youth
- Brainstorming Session: “Possible Priorities for Upcoming Year”
 - Trends in truancy
 - Youth interested in volunteer service and employment: what opportunities are available to them in the community?
 - Drop-out rates in H.S. students: trends and variables
 - Unaccompanied minors: what are the barriers they face and what services are available to support them in the community?
 - Burdens of HS graduation requirements

- MCPS focus on college readiness: does this discourage youth who are not on a college path from completing HS?
 - Informing youth about their rights and responsibilities if they are stopped by law enforcement
 - School bus tracking system to assist parents on the whereabouts of their children who ride MCPS transportation
 - Educate youth about injury prevention
 - Correlation between middle school aged youth involvement in afterschool activities and increased school attendance
 - Create an advocacy committee for the CCY
 - Focus on opioid, heroin, pain medication use/abuse in youth populations
- CCY members had the opportunity to vote on the top two (2) priorities they would like to focus on this commission year. Top two priorities selected:
 - Create an advocacy committee
 - Opioid, heroin, pain medication: trends of use and abuse in teens

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.